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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 713
By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leon "Buster" Braden of
Lake City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Leon "Buster" Braden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden was an exemplary human being and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden retired from the coal mines and the Anderson County School System; a conscientious employee, he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for his dedication, integrity, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, a vital member of his community, he was active in politics and enjoyed serving on political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Leon "Buster" Braden was a fifty-eight year Mason with Crystal Lodge #616 of Briceville; and

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WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, Mr. Braden enjoyed rabbit hunting and gardening;
and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden served as a Trustee of the Fraterville Baptist Church, where
he faithfully attended for over fifty-five years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to
remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Leon "Buster" Braden was preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty-five
years, Magdlene Braden; his son, Ernest Lee Braden; his parents, Sam and Annie Braden; his
sisters, Naomi Miller, Blanche Daniels, Pauline Stuenckel, Ora Roysden, and Mossie Braden;
and his brothers, Eugene Braden, and Charles Columbus "Clump" Braden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden will be sorely missed by a multitude of loving family members
and friends, including his daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Roy Jr. Cox; his sons and
daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Connie Sue Braden and Benny and Loretta Braden; his
grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Robert L. "R.L." and Kathy Braden and Anthony and
Melanie Braden; his granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Lorie and David Idles; his grandson,
Andy Braden; his granddaughter, Lea Ann Cox and Lea Ann's fiancé, Scott Phillips; his
grandson, Tim Braden and Tim's fiancé, Heather McGuire; his great-grandchildren, Nathan and
Caleb Braden, Faith and Justin Bryant, and Emily Faye Idles; his sisters, Ruth Seiber and
Willene Brewer; his brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Linda Braden; his sister-in-law, Una
Braden; his brother-in-law, Fred Long; his special friends, Betty and Glenn Poore, J.C.
Patterson, and Virge Brown; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in
public life, compassion and loyalty in his private life, and diligence and dedication in all his
chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a loving father and husband and a kind neighbor and friend, Leon "Buster"
Braden's life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to the difference one person can
make; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Leon “Buster” Braden, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to his family and community, and the courage and conviction with which he lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Buster Braden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.